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### **FIVE TIPS TO KEEP YOU SAFE DURING HARVEST**

Cedar-Knox PPD wishes everyone a bountiful and safe harvest season. Follow these 5 tips to keep you safe not only during harvest. but year-round. #NeverGiveSafetyADayOff

Start every workday with a safety meeting.

Discuss all operations for the day and go over power line and pole locations.



without a power line

#### Stay in your cab if contact is made with a power line.

Call 9-1-1 and contact your utility so they can deenergize the line

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# Look up for power lines when moving irrigation pipes.

Do not store irrigation pipes, hay bales, machinery or anything else under power lines.

#### **Give Safety A Shot When Preparing for Hunting**

Hunters have their sights on wild game when preparing for hunting season. A few moments devoted to safety can help prevent an accident with utility equipment. Cedar-Knox Public Power along with Safe Electricity urges hunters to take precautions and be aware of potential electrical hazards while hunting.

- Note the location of power lines and other electrical equipment before you begin a hunt. Be especially careful and observant in wooded areas where power lines are easy to overlook.
- Obey all signs or postings that advise electrical safety, especially when selecting the location for a tree stand. Tree stands are the leading cause for hunting injuries. If you are using a tree stand, make

inspect the stand for wear before use.

- Never use power poles to support a tree stand. Look for an ideal tree for your stand, one that is sturdy and alive. While going up to the stand, keep at least three points of contact while you climb.
- · When setting up and taking down the stand, make sure you do not make contact with any overhead electrical equipment.
- Never shoot nearby power lines or other electrical equipment. A single shot can cause vast damage to the electrical system. Damage to electrical equipment can result in power interruptions and physical risks to those nearby.
- sure you read the manufacturer's instructions and If you are using a portable electrical generator on your hunting trip, make sure that you do not run it in a confined area. Do not use it inside a cabin or RV. Make sure that it is used outside where there is plenty of ventilation.



### **EnergyWise: Attic Insulation**



On a sunny summer day, with the hot sun blasting directly on the roof, attics can get up to 140°F when the inside of the house is 75°F. That is a 65°F temperature differential.

Your house acts like a chimney in the winter, where cooler air enters the house in the lower areas and attempts to exit the house in the warmer – higher areas. A house with a poor and leaky outer shell will show significant heat loss through the attic and eaves.

If you have little insulation in the attic (six inches or less on average) and add at least six inches of R-19, take advantage of this EnergyWise Residential Insulation Program. To be eligible, customers must have a heat pump, electric furnace or electric heat (baseboard, radiant, etc.).

The EnergyWise Residential Insulation Program has changed - the benefit doubled to the customer! Residential customers can now apply for this incentive of 30¢ per square foot with a maximum amount of \$600 per existing dwelling. (New construction and/or additions do not qualify). If you'd like to be more energy efficient or are looking

for ways to potentially save money – contact Matt for more



### **NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY** September 19, 2023



National Voter Registration Day is the perfect time to ensure that you are registered to yote and ready for the state and local elections in 2023 and the presidential primaries and general election in 2024.



## **Know What's Below. Call Before You Dig!**



In conjunction with 8/11 Day, Tim Loberg **CKPPD** Operations Coordinator and 811 Board Member visited a few excavator crews at their job sites. CKPPD would like to remind all excavators and homeowners to call 811 or use the ne1call.com website any time before digging - it's the law and free of charge. Locating prior to digging helps eliminate costly damage to underground facilities and helps prevent personal injury or possible life-threatening circumstances. Look for us to visit your job site next year. Thank you for digging responsibly and most importantly, SAFELY!

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